

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY  
TRACKING AND COMMUNICATING DATA STORAGE  
DEVICE INFORMATION USING RF TAGS: OPERATING  
CONDITION, CONFIGURATION AND LOCATION

ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a method and apparatus for automatically tracking and communicating data storage device information using RF (radio frequency) tags. An apparatus includes a data storage device and a RF tag attached to the data storage device, wherein the RF tag contains information about the data storage device. Using such an apparatus, assembling, selecting, logging and maintaining a data storage device may be done automatically.